

STRENGTHENING AND GROWING LANGUAGES

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The current Languages landscape in NSW

Some data...

NSW HSC Statistics 2009-2013

ALS statistics 2012-2013

Let's talk.....



<http://www.sswm.info/sites/default/files/WorldCafe.jpg>



What makes a
compelling argument
for Languages?

What works for Languages in your school?



What would you like to do to strengthen Languages in your school?



Some ideas...

At a faculty level:

- **Promotion of progression and achievement**

1. Easy to read programs on school portal for parents
2. Goals for each topic in student books
3. Increase the challenge up to Yr 10
4. Student checklists at end of each topic
5. Faculty-based achievement certificates

- **Languages Noticeboard**

- **Subject choice evenings**

1. One page content planner showing progression and continuity of language learning in your school
2. Show parents the level language students reach by Yr 12(sample text, sample HSC paper)

- **Articles in school newsletter, School magazine, End of year report**

- **Develop a Languages Newsletter (once or twice a year)**

Whole School approach:

- Devise cross-curriculum Units of work
- Introduce Studies of Asia/International Studies in Stage 5
- Utilise staff/parent/student expertise
- Involvement in external competitions
 - MLTA Film competition
 - Asia Wise competition
 - ACER
 - OZCLO
- Sister schools
- Cross KLA involvement in Languages Day
- Disseminate information widely
- Offer your expertise to other faculties

Languages at AISNSW

- Additional Languages consultant - Ken Wong
- Grants for Parental Polyglots will be available for 2015. Application process will be in Term 3 2014
- Development of a new look AIS Languages website - a one stop shop for languages teachers
- Development of online professional learning courses
- Research into models of best practice of Language program delivery



Useful links

[AISNSW Languages](#)

[AIS languages wiki](#)

[Promoting Languages](#)

[Languages pinterest board](#)

[MLTA](#)

Some questions....

DISCUSSION

- ⦿ How do you promote languages in your school? Are these strategies working?
- ⦿ How do you encourage students to choose languages at subject selection time?
- ⦿ What role does the Careers Advisor play in promoting languages at your school?

WHY LEARN A LANGUAGE?

- ▶ Assists in developing literacy skills
- ▶ Improves cognitive ability
- ▶ Fosters intercultural understanding
- ▶ Expands one's way of thinking and of viewing the world
- ▶ University incentives
- ▶ Better career prospects
- ▶ Another string to their bow

OTHER REASONS?

Plus:

- ▶ It's fun
- ▶ It will set you apart from the rest
- ▶ It allows you to communicate with more girls/more boys
- ▶ It is impressive!